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# HOUSE BILL No. 1711

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-11-6.5.

**Synopsis:** Voting equipment matching grant fund. Establishes the voting system improvement fund to reimburse counties for the purchase of new or upgraded voting systems. Provides that the fund consists of appropriations made by the general assembly. Provides that a county may be reimbursed up to 50% of the amount of expenditures made for a new or an upgraded voting system. Provides that the secretary of state administers the fund and the reimbursement program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 6.5. Voting System Improvement**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the voting**  
6 **system improvement fund established by section 2 of this chapter.**

7 **Sec. 2. (a) The voting system improvement fund is established**  
8 **for the purpose of reimbursing counties for the purchase of new**  
9 **voting systems or for the upgrade of existing voting systems.**

10 **(b) The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund by the**  
11 **general assembly.**

12 **(c) The secretary of state shall administer the fund.**

13 **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**  
14 **money in the fund.**

15 **(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
16 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
17 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**

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1 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

2 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
3 revert to the state general fund.

4 Sec. 3. To receive reimbursement for the purchase of a new  
5 voting system or the upgrade of an existing voting system, a county  
6 must make an application to the secretary of state in the form  
7 required by the secretary of state.

8 Sec. 4. The secretary of state may reimburse a county from the  
9 fund an amount not more than fifty percent (50%) of the amount  
10 required for the purchase of a new voting system or the upgrade of  
11 an existing voting system if the county's application demonstrates  
12 all of the following:

13 (1) That the county has purchased or has awarded a contract  
14 to purchase a new voting system or an upgrade of an existing  
15 voting system.

16 (2) That the commission has approved the new voting system  
17 or the upgrade of an existing voting system.

18 (3) That all of the following would be enhanced by the new or  
19 upgraded voting system:

20 (A) Reliability of the system.

21 (B) Efficiency of the system.

22 (C) Ease of use by voters.

23 (D) Public confidence in the system.

24 Sec. 5. Payment of money from the fund under this chapter is  
25 subject to the availability of money in the fund.

26 Sec. 6. The secretary of state may request, and the commission  
27 may issue, advisory opinions to assist the secretary of state in  
28 determining whether the factors stated in section 4(3) of this  
29 chapter would be enhanced by a new voting system or the upgrade  
30 of an existing voting system.

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